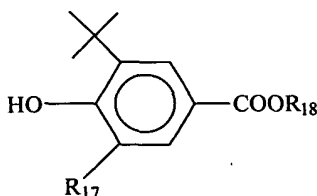


What is claimed is:

1. A stabilized fragrance candle composition comprising
- 5 (a) wax;
- (b) fragrance; and
- (c) a stabilizing composition comprising
- (i) a UV absorber; and
- (ii) a hindered hydroxybenzoate.
- 10 2. The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said UV absorber is selected from the group consisting of 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazoles, 2-hydroxybenzophenones and mixtures thereof.
3. The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate has the
- 15 formula V:



formula V

wherein R<sub>17</sub> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl and R<sub>18</sub> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> aryl.

- 25 4. The candle composition of claim 1, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate is selected from the group consisting of: 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; hexadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; tetradecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; behenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate and butyl 3-[3-t-butyl-4-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoyloxy)phenyl] propionate and mixtures thereof.
- 30 5. The composition of claim 2, wherein said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-

tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3', 5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octoxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-bis( $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; a mixture of 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2,2-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazol-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300; and  $[R-CH_2CH-COO(CH_2)_3]_2$  B where R=3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl and mixtures thereof.

6. The composition of claim 2, wherein said 2-hydroxybenzophenone is selected from the group consisting of: 2-hydroxy-4-hydroxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-octoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-decyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-dodecyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-benzyloxy-benzophenone; 2',4,4'-trihydroxy-benzophenones; 2-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy-benzophenone; 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-n-octoxy-benzophenone and mixtures thereof.

7. The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of said UV absorber in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, and the amount of said hindered hydroxybenzoate in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the candle composition.

8. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a pigment or an antioxidant.

9. A stabilized fragrance candle composition comprising

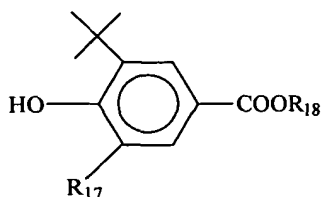
(a) wax;

(b) fragrance; and

(c) a stabilizing composition comprising

- 5 (i) a 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole;
- (ii) a 2-hydroxybenzophenone; and
- (iii) a hindered hydroxybenzoate.

10. The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate has the formula V:



formula V

wherein R<sub>17</sub> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl and R<sub>18</sub> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkyl, or substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> aryl.

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11. The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said hindered hydroxybenzoate is selected from the group consisting of: 2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; hexadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octadecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; octyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; tetradecyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; behenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate; 2-methyl-4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl-3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoate and butyl 3-[3-tert-butyl-4-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzoyloxy)phenyl] propionate and mixtures thereof.

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12. The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole is selected from the group consisting of: 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-5'-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3', 5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chlorobenzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-sec-butyl-5'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; 2-(2'-hydroxy-4'-octoxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-di-tert-amyl-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3',5'-bis(α,α-dimethylbenzyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-benzotriazole; a mixture of 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-

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hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)-carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)-5-chloro-benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-octyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-5'-[2-(2-ethylhexyloxy)carbonylethyl]-2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-dodecyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-methylphenyl)benzotriazole; 2-(3'-tert-butyl-2'-hydroxy-5'-(2-isooctyloxy-carbonylethyl)phenyl)benzotriazole; 2,2-methylenebis[4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)-6-benzotriazol-2-ylphenol]; the transesterification product of 2-[3'-tert-butyl-5'-(2-methoxycarbonylethyl)-2'-hydroxyphenyl]benzotriazole with polyethylene glycol 300; and  $[R-CH_2CH-COO(CH_2)_3]_2$  B where R=3'-tert-butyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-2H-benzotriazol-2-ylphenyl and mixtures thereof.

13. The candle composition of claim 9, wherein said 2-hydroxybenzophenone is selected from the group consisting of: 2-hydroxy-4-hydroxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-methoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-octoxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-decyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-dodecyloxy-benzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-benzyloxy-benzophenone; 2',4,4'-trihydroxy-benzophenones; 2-hydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxy-benzophenone; 2,2'-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone; 2-hydroxy-4-n-octoxy-benzophenone and mixtures thereof.

14. The candle composition of claim 9, wherein the amount of said 2-hydroxybenzophenone in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, the amount of said 2-(2'-hydroxyphenyl)benzotriazole in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt% and the amount of said hindered hydroxybenzoate in the candle composition is about 0.01 to about 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the candle composition.

15. The candle composition of claim 9, further comprising a pigment or an antioxidant.